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WEEK DAYS

STATIONS	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.
Kowloon...	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.39	7.10
Yau Ma Tei...	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.39	7.19
Shatin...	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai Po...	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai Po Market...	7.21	9.54	11.09	12.39	1.54	5.14	6.09	7.49
Fanning...	7.33	10.06	11.21	12.51	2.06	5.26	6.21	7.51
Shenaghai...	7.38	10.11	11.26	12.56	2.11	5.31	6.26	7.56
Shumshun...	7.42	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	5.35	6.30	8.00

STATIONS	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.
Shumshun...	7.21	9.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shenaghai...	7.28	9.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanning...	7.33	9.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai Po...	7.43	9.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai Po Market...	7.48	9.31	11.04	12.07	3.26	4.43	5.39	6.34
Shatin...	7.59	9.42	11.17	12.20	3.38	4.55	5.51	6.46
Yau Ma Tei...	8.12	9.55	11.30	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.04	6.58
Kowloon...	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

STATIONS	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.	AM.	PM.
Kowloon...	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.39	7.10
Yau Ma Tei...	6.50	8.45	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.39	7.19
Shatin...	7.02	8.57	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.40	5.51	7.31
Tai Po...	7.16	9.11	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.50	6.04	7.44
Tai Po Market...	7.21	9.16	9.54	11.09	12.39	2.55	6.09	7.49
Fanning...	7.33	9.28	10.06	11.21	12.51	3.05	6.21	7.51
Shenaghai...	7.38	9.33	10.11	11.26	12.56	3.10	6.26	7.56
Shumshun...	7.42	9.37	10.15	11.30	13.00	3.15	6.30	8.00

STATIONS	AM.	PM.	STATIONS	AM.	PM.
Fanning...	7.45	11.30	Shatin...	10.15	1.05
Shatin...	8.40	12.25	Fanning...	11.10	2.00

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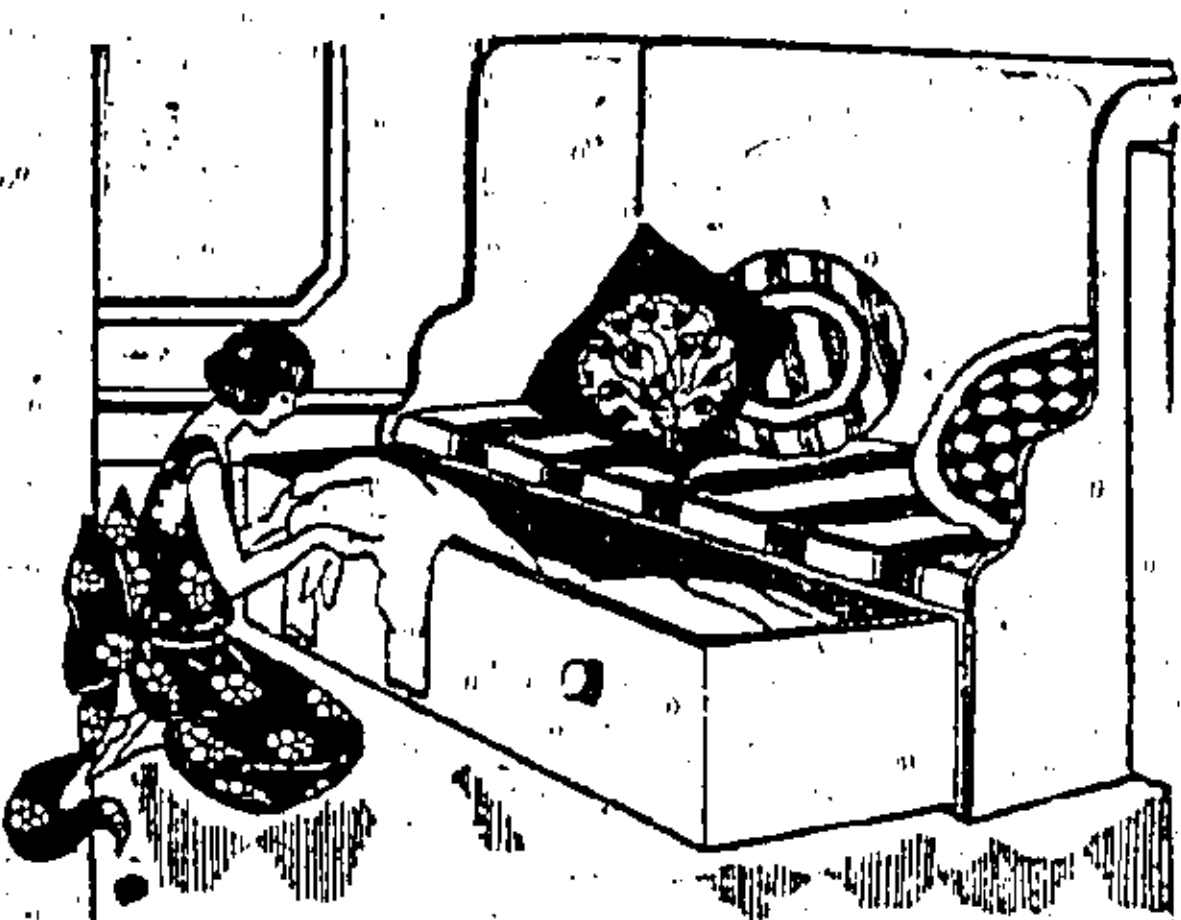
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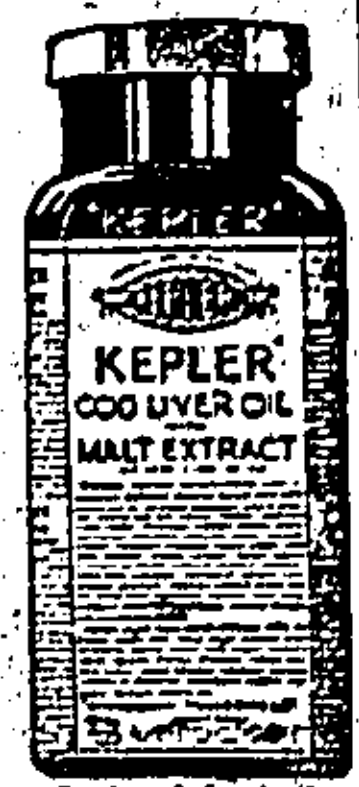
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DEVELOPMENT OF FLORIDA.

Florida has been "discovered" three times, once by Ponce de Leon in his search for the fountain of perpetual youth; the second time in 1883-4, when, according to a history hand book, "after long neglect, this beautiful and fertile wilderness was warmly taken up by British and American capitalists." And again just after the war, when a few far-sighted Americans, convinced that time was at least ripe, boldly backed their imagination with their dollars, and at one stroke planted whole cities on tenantless beaches and great farms in a wilderness.

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Florida was by no means unworthy of the interest they awakened in it. With the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other, it enjoys an equable climate, and extremes of heat and cold are almost unknown. Its liberal laws act as an incentive to industry. The Constitution of Florida forbids the imposition by the Legislature of income or inheritance taxes, a circumstance which has induced a large number of capitalists to establish legal residence there. But the "boom," which at first was welcomed by many Floridians, is now deplored by them.

GROWTH OF TOWNS.

The centre of excitement is Miami, 20 years ago a town of less than 10,000 people, but now with a population of 150,000 and looking forward to one of a million in a few years. Stretching from Miami in three directions are miles of residential districts. To the north and the south are 10 or 12 very large land development schemes in progress and innumerable smaller ones. On one of these alone it is intended to spend \$20,000,000 in the next 10 years. There has already been spent there \$8,000,000 for hard-surface streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, gas, and electrical installation, drainage of new lands and the building of a big hotel, club houses, swimming pools and about 1,000 dwelling houses. Another development scheme, to the north of Miami, has a programme for the expenditure of \$10,000,000 in the next five years.

There is a town near Miami which is but four years old, yet it has 100 miles of wide paved streets and boulevards; 1,000 houses, in harmonizing types of architecture, built, and as many more building; six hotels, of which one, not yet completed but to be finished in January, is to cost \$2,000,000; two golf-courses finished, two more in preparation; and two country clubs already in use. There are to be built there a university, at a cost of \$3,000,000; a Masonic temple, to cost \$100,000; a high school, to cost \$200,000; and a military academy, a stadium, a theatre, a Roman Catholic women's college and a conservatory of music. Thirty million dollars has already been spent on this town, and improvements now in progress call for the expenditure of a further like amount. The property sales in this one enterprise have thus far exceeded \$10,000,000.

With the great influx of new residents and tourists to Florida, and with the extraordinary building activity, particularly on the east coast, it was inevitable that transport facilities, designed for a much smaller traffic, should become seriously congested. The railway yards as far north as Washington are filled with Florida-bound goods trucks, for which there is no way of moving south.

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Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911.

Capital \$5,000,000 divided into 500,000 Shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 110,000 were subscribed for cash on the incorporation of the Company by the two Promoters, the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER and JAMES HARPER TAGGART, as to 15,000 each and by the Directors, the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK, the Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SOY, the Hon. Mr. B. H. KOTTEWALL, the Very Reverend FATHER LEON ROBERT, ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN, JOHN SCOTT HARTSON and JAMES HARPER TAGGART as to 10,000 shares each.

On these \$3.50 per share (being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon) was paid on allotment and the balance (\$7.50 per share) will be paid when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

140,000 shares credited as fully paid up and ranking for dividend as from the 1st July, 1925, have been allotted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, in pursuance of the Agreement (hereinafter called "the Purchase Agreement") dated the 29th day of May, 1925, made between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, of the one part and JAMES HARPER TAGGART on behalf of the above Company of the other part.

The remaining 250,000 shares, to rank for dividend from the 1st day of January, 1926, on the nominal amount from time to time paid up thereon but in all other respects equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for public subscription. \$3.50 per share is payable on application, being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon. The balance due on each share, namely \$7.50, will not be called up at present but is to be called up on subsequent demand as and when capital is required.

In allotting shares the Directors will, if there are sufficient applications from bona fide residents in the Colony of Hongkong, allot shares to such applicants only, and they will also pay due regard to the applications of telephone subscribers.

DIRECTORS.

The Hon. Sir CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, M.B.E., M.A., Victoria, Hongkong, Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. FRANK HOLYOAK, of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SOY, of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

The Hon. Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTTEWALL, of Chi a Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Very Reverend FATHER LEON ROBERT, of Missions Etrangères, Victoria, Hongkong, Missionary.

ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN, of St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

JOHN SCOTT HARTSON, of Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

JAMES HARPER TAGGART, of Victoria, Hongkong, Managing Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In pursuance of the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, or either of these Companies, so long as these Companies or either of them hold in their or its own right not less than 100,000 fully paid up shares in the above Company are to have the right of nominating two Directors of the Company provided such Nominated Directors are bona fide residents of Hongkong. The first nominated Directors (nominated by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited,) are the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong.

AUDITORS.

MESSRS. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Victoria, Hongkong, Accountants.

SOLICITORS.

MESSRS. DEACONS, Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE.

16, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

ACTING SECRETARY.

A. L. TERRY, A.C.I.S.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situated at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement as follows:—

"(2) The Vendor Company will sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five the said Telephone business and the whole of the undertaking in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with the benefit of all assets there situated but exclusive of the net profits, investments, cash in hand and in the Bank and debts due to the Vendor Company on the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five) of the Vendor Company but free from all debentures, mortgages, or charges of any kind and the Vendor Company save as herein specially provided for shall pay and discharge all liabilities whatsoever incurred by the Vendor Company prior to the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five. Provided always and these presents are upon this express condition that the same shall be subject to the said James Harper Taggart being satisfied with the state and condition of the plant (including cables, conduits etc.) of the Vendor Company. The said phrase 'the undertaking' shall be deemed to include:—

"(a) The Goodwill of the Vendor Company as now carried on in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof.

"(b) All the lands and buildings of the Vendor Company owned and/or leased by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business being the premises set out in the Schedule hereunder written subject to the rents, conditions and reservations affecting the same.

"(c) All plant material stores machinery property stock in trade instruments furniture and utensils together with such books accounts documents plans statistics records and reports as pertains or are necessary to the conduct in continuity of the business being the property of the Vendor Company and used by it for the purpose of its business and including spare plant and stores of all descriptions (whether actually in use or not in use) without any exception whatsoever save as hereinafter mentioned in the possession of the Vendor Company or to which it is entitled and also including works of all kinds in the course of construction without exception.

"(d) The benefit of all contracts and engagements entered into by the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong in relation to its said business (but excepting contracts with employees of the Vendor Company for which special provision is hereafter made).

"(e) The Vendor Company's rights and corresponding obligations in respect thereof relating to all wayleaves ways and all other rights and easements enjoyed and used by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business.

"(3) The consideration for the said sale shall be the following sums that is to say:—

"(a) The sum of \$1,155,000 (One million one hundred and fifty-five thousand Dollars Hongkong Currency) for the plant of the Vendor Company.

"(b) The landed cost to the Vendor Company of all additions made to the said plant and/or property from the First day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five to the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

"(c) The sum of \$491,335 (Four hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and thirty-five Dollars Hongkong Currency) for the land and buildings of the Vendor Company which are more particularly set forth in the Schedule hereto.

"(d) The value of the stores of the Vendor Company which at the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five are in the possession of the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong or are in transit to the Vendor Company there or for the purchase of which the Vendor Company has entered into binding contracts.

"(4) The said consideration shall be satisfied (as to the sum of One million four hundred thousand Dollars part thereof) by the allotment and issue to the Vendor Company of One hundred and forty thousand shares of Ten Dollars each in the Hongkong Company credited as fully paid up ranking for dividend as from the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and (as to the balance thereof) by payment in cash in Hongkong Currency in Hongkong by the Hongkong Company to the Vendor Company.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

Properties Owned by the Vendor Company.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central and No. 14 Ice House Street.

No. 1 Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Nos 118 and 119, The Peak.

Inland Lot No. 57, Sections A & B of Inland Lot No. 339.

Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 549.

Remaining Portion of Rural Building Lot No. 47.

Properties Leased by the Vendor Company.

(a) Six Office Rooms in Nos. 15 and 17 Queen's Road Central.

(b) One Two-storeyed Godown, used as Store and Workshop being No. 3A Duddell Street.

(c) Portion of land belonging to Kowloon-Canton Railway at Blackhead's Point, Kowloon, for storing cables.

In addition to the allotment of 140,000 shares of the Company, credited as fully paid up, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company Limited has received from the Hongkong Company \$200,000 in cash on account of the consideration specified in the Purchase Agreement.

The Hongkong Company was formed for the purpose, also, of supplying telephonic communication within and between the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and the New Territories for a period of Fifty years under a Concession from the Hongkong Government detailed particulars of which appear more fully in The Telephone Ordinance 1925, (hereinafter referred to as "the said Telephone Ordinance").

The Hongkong Company is authorised to charge the following annual rates with effect from the 1st July 1925:—

(a) \$108 per Exchange Line within (i) Victoria and Kowloon as defined by the Interpretation Ordinance 1911 and (ii) within the Peak District as defined by the Peak District Reservation Ordinance 1904 but substituting "700 feet" for "788 feet".

(b) \$108 per Exchange Line within a radius of one mile from any exchange that may hereafter be opened outside the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(c) An additional charge of \$50 per mile or part of a mile measured outwards from the nearest point of the boundary of the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(d) For extension telephones, bells, switches, switch-boards, power-circuits, removals, and other services of like nature, such charges as the Governor-in-Council may approve.

Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of the Company for the time being, after making provision for working and managing expenses, maintenance and efficient

service, depreciation and reserve, and the other deductions referred to in Section 35 of the said Telephone Ordinance the above rates are to be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive such minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum.

The amount to be written off as provided annually for depreciation is not to exceed ten per cent. on the cost of the Company's plant and equipment other than land and buildings, and the amount that may be appropriated annually by the Company to a Reserve Account shall not exceed \$50,000.

The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid are to be used firstly in payment to the Government of a royalty of Four Dollars in respect of each direct exchange line Telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous Twelve months by a Telephone Subscriber or One Dollar per direct exchange line Telephone for each period of Three months or less.

The said net profits are secondly to be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum rising to Twelve per cent. per annum.

If the net profits be such that a larger dividend than Twelve per cent. per annum can be paid then as to the difference between Twelve per cent. and Eighteen per cent. half thereof is to be paid by way of increase of dividends to the shareholders of the Company, and the remaining half of such difference is to be set aside for the benefit of subscribers by way of reduction of the subscription rates authorised as above mentioned. The dividend payable to shareholders is limited to a maximum of Fifteen per cent. per annum.

Any further net profits (i.e., net profits in excess of Eighteen per cent. per annum) are to be applied solely for the reduction of subscription rate.

Full particulars in respect of the above appear in The Telephone Ordinance 1925.

(b) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is Seven shares.

(c) The shares now offered for subscription have not been underwritten.

(d) No commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and flotation of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also the legal costs and expenses of and incidental to the negotiations which have taken place for acquiring the aforesaid undertaking and the negotiations with the Hongkong Government arising thereout and the obtaining of the aforesaid Ordinance, such legal costs and expenses to be incurred during the year 1925, and the estimated amount thereof is \$20,000.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$2,000 per annum.

(g) The Directors were interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Purchase Agreement and of The Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925 can be inspected at the office of Messrs Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$3.50 per share, being as to \$2.50 thereof one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to the remaining \$1.00 the premium thereon. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

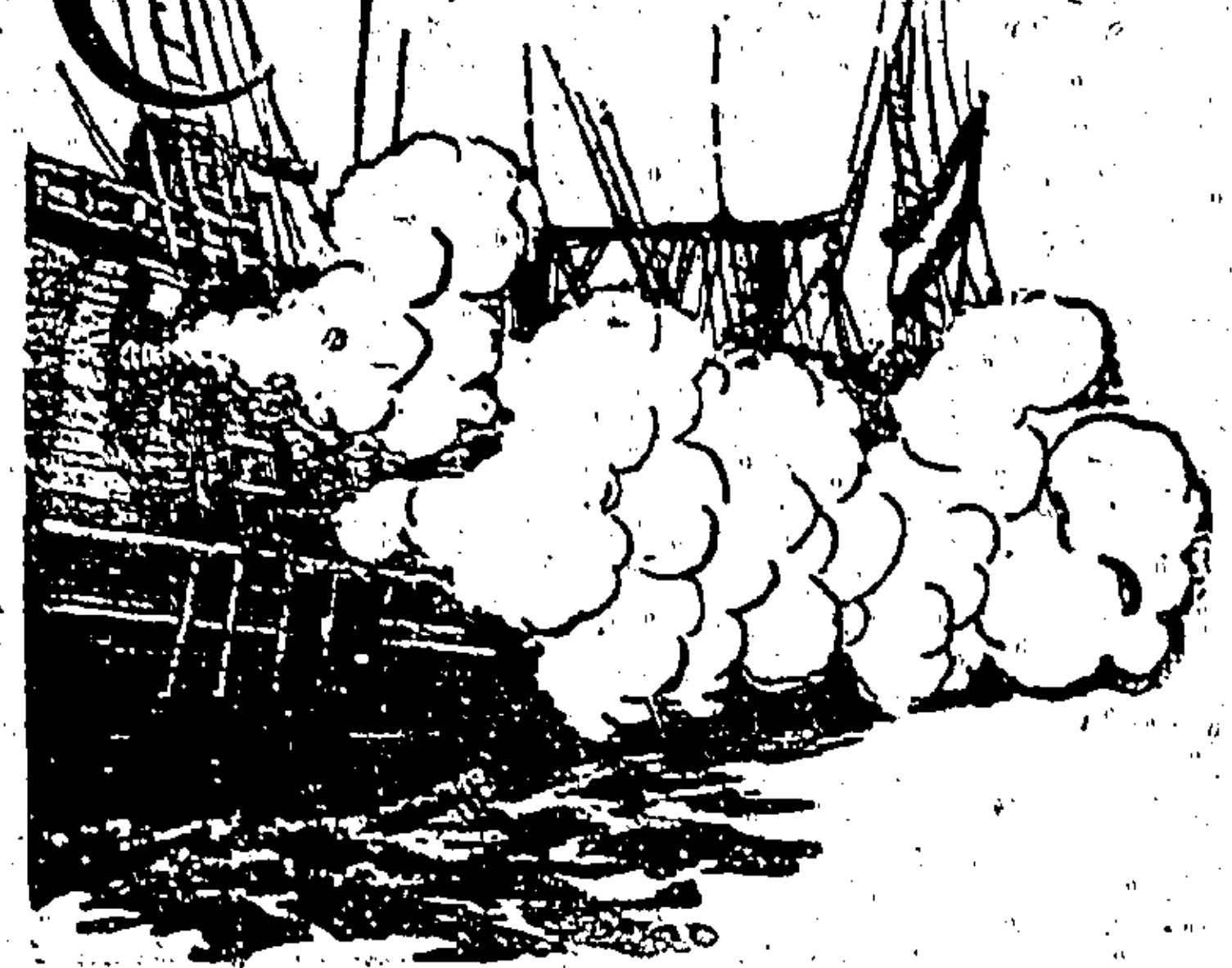
(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and forms of application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, and at and from the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs Deacons, No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Dated the 15th day of October, 1925.

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BANKRUPTCY OF MR. R. V. DENT.

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TRADE.

Mr. R. V. Dent, formerly of Dent & Co., Shanghai, who was adjudged bankrupt in August, 1923, successfully applied for his discharge at H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on the 8th inst. The net liabilities of the company on its failure in 1923 amounted to Tls. 706,993.

In answer to Judge Sir Skinner Turner, Mr. A. C. Holborow, for Mr. Dent, said that no creditors were present, and Mr. McLure, the trustee, raised no objections to the application.

The Official Receiver (Mr. D. R. Cooke) in his report, after referring to the state of bankruptcy's affairs, said that Mr. Dent had paid regularly Tls. 100 out of his earnings. The failure of the bankruptcy was an honest failure and in the main was due to severe trade depression from 1921-23. He had all along rendered the trustees and himself (the Official Receiver) every assistance. The bankrupt's assets were not of the value of 10s. in the 2 on his unsecured liabilities. In the judgment of the Official Receiver no reflection rested upon the honesty or integrity of bankrupt.

AN EXPERIENCED BUSINESS MAN.

Mr. Holborow, in applying for Mr. Dent's unconditional discharge under the Bankruptcy Act of 1914, said that the report of the Official Receiver covered the whole of the ground upon which any questions might arise. The bankruptcy was caused by the most innocent misfortune on Mr. Dent's part. He was a man who had had long and careful training from his youth upwards and there was no doubt that he was an experienced business man. Some of his biggest creditors had expressed their sympathy for him, while others had written to that effect to the Official Receiver.

Mr. Dent's salary, counsel went on, was at present Tls. 500 per month as sub-manager of La Generale Soies. Out of that money he had to support himself and his son.

His son was 11 years old, and counsel thought his Lordship would realize that without a certain income it was quite impossible for him to pay anything. Anything that he could do, supposing he paid a similar sum, would mean absolutely nothing to the creditors. Supposing he were to pay Tls. 100 per month it would represent something infinitesimal and his Lordship knew that living was expensive in Shanghai.

ASSISTANCE TO TRUSTEE.

"Mr. Dent," counsel went on, "belongs to a very good and old Shanghai family which has been connected with China for over 100 years. I submit that no benefit would be derived by the creditors, whereas it would be a hardship on Mr. Dent to contribute anything."

Out of office hours he had a little photographic work which really amounted to nothing in the way of remuneration. During all the time since his bankruptcy he had been assisting the trustee and had done all in his power to help him. He was, counsel submitted, justified in applying for an absolute discharge.

The Official Receiver made no objection. The Judge said it appeared to him that there was a proviso in the section of the Act which enabled him to disregard the fact which had been proved, that the assets in the bankruptcy did not amount to 10s. in the 2 on the unsecured liabilities.

That proviso covered this report and in that sense the trustee in the bankruptcy reported in exactly the same way. None of the creditors had come there to suggest anything else. Other matters which had to be taken into account were not suggested by anybody to have been done by the bankrupt. To all intents and purposes it was impossible that any order his Lordship might make granting conditional discharge would lead to any benefit of the creditors. In these circumstances it seemed to the Court, in view of all the facts disclosed, that it ought to grant, and his Lordship was glad to do it, the discharge.

"CHINA AGAIN IN DEFAULT"

Under this heading appears the following "city" note in a recent London paper.

China is again in default, the money for the Tientsin-Pukow (Supplementary) Loan not having come to hand. There have been delays before, but this time it is feared that the wait may be a long one. The price at which the bonds stand, recognizes present insecurity, and many others of the Chinese Loans are quoted at figures which suggest that all confidence in interest payments has been lost. It is not surprising, having regard to the chaos existing in the country, and it can only be hoped that the Powers, with the assistance of America, will be able and allowed to find a way to restore the country's finances. Unfortunately, the continued political unsettlement makes it very difficult to propose any scheme that promises immediate success.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

R.A. DEFEAT THE POLICE.

Playing in Division I. of the Hongkong League on the Kowloon F.C. ground yesterday, the R.A. beat the Police by a goal to nil.

A strong wind blowing across the field took the ball out of play. The R.A. had the advantage during the first half and scored the only goal of the match. They took the lead after twenty-five minutes' play, when Pullford, meeting a forward pass from Miles, gave Clarke no chance. Following this Brittain, who was pushed forward to lead the attack, missed by inches only and later lifted the ball over the bar from a pass by Simpson.

Half-time: R.A. 1; Police, 0. Playing with the wind the Police put the R.A. on the defensive but the inside forwards failed to take advantage of good openings.

Johnson, who changed places with Brittain in the second half, failed to turn to account a good centre by Simpson. Miles had a good chance to put the Gunners further ahead but, with Clarke out of goal, he miskicked and the ball went outside the posts.

Pullford later netted for the R.A. after the whistle had gone against him for outside. There was no scoring in the second half, the R.A. winning by the only goal scored.

Police:—A. E. Clarke, Wynne and Harle; Johnson, Oram and Randall; Gornwall, Post, Brittain, Noonan and Simpson.

R.A.:—Stanton; Trim and Excell; Rachel, Reade and Vicars; Grew, Miles, Pullford, Sargent and Murphy.

Referee:—Mr. Smyth.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP.

The following will represent England against South China on Christmas Day, kick-off at 11 a.m.:

Wavish (Tunur); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Wynne (Police); Mitchell (East Surrey); Sims (Kowloon) and Watson (H.K. Club); Charlesworth (East Surrey); Mason (Kowloon); Humberstone, Butted and Mackleworth (East Surrey). England will play in white.

HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD.

ARMY DRAW WITH NAVY.

The Army and the Navy met in the third match of the triangular contests for the Sim Shield on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, on Monday evening, and drew with three goals each.

The teams were as under:—Army:—Sergeant Clark; Sergeant Phillips, Lt. Smith; Capt. C. D. Armstrong; Capt. D. J. Allfree (Capt.), Lt. Webb; Lt. Cpl. Masters, Lt. V. R. Wright, Neville, Pte. Burgess, Lt. Jacob-Larcombe, and Lt. C. H. Dickinson.

Navy:—Lt. Garwood; Lt. Wauchop, Lt. Emley; Lt. King, Lt. Simpson (Capt.), Lt. Broome; Pay-Sub-Lt. Wilson, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Hill, Lt. Sillitoe, Lt. Fleet.

Referee:—Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan. The play on the whole was disappointing and did not approach the standard of the two previous matches. Off-side was very prevalent and good movements generally ended weakly.

The Army were slightly superior in the opening half, but on the whole the game was evenly contested. A few minutes after the beginning the Army scored through Dickinson. The Navy equalised ten minutes later through Nicholson. Continuing to press, the Army again scored through Wright-Neville twice.

On resuming the Army were penalised and from a pass by Simpson, Hill scored for the Navy. The Navy put more vim into their play, the Army custodian putting up a very fine game. He was, however, beaten by a fast shot from Nicholson, and thus the scores were levelled. There was no further scoring.

The position now is:—Goals. Navy 1, Army 1, 0, 5, 4, 3. Army 2, 1, 0, 4, 3, 3. Club 2, 0, 0, 2, 1, 3, 0.

H.K. CLUB 2ND XI. v. R.A.

The Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI played the Royal Artillery on the Marina ground, Kowloon, in a friendly match and were victorious by 5 goals to nil. The goals were scored by Lyons (2), Price (2) and Garrod.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

H.M.S. "TITANIA" v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The above match was shot off at Stonecutters Range on Saturday, December 5th, and resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Hawkins." The scores were as follows:

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Name	yds.	yds.	yds.	tal.
P.O. H. Page	23	31	25	89
Sgt. W. J. Atkins	20	30	23	87
A.B. L. Ring	23	31	22	81
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	20	27	27	80
L.S. S. Trowbridge	22	27	29	78
P.O. A. C. Thoday	22	23	24	74
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Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	20	23	26	69

Totals 204 222 203 629
Plus 5% for good sights 5

H.M.S. "TITANIA."

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Name	yds.	yds.	yds.	tal.
Lt. H. W. Keymer	30	23	20	87
A.B. Bryant	35	23	22	85
Mae. Firth	31	23	24	83
Sig. Harper	20	25	24	78
Sto. Farrell	27	22	25	77
Mae. Vince	29	23	19	74
A.B. Hammond	19	23	20	69
Cpl. Kier	19	23	9	60

Totals 210 203 127 566

—Peep sight.

H.M.S. "IROQUOIS" v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The above match was shot off at Stonecutters Range on Saturday, December 12th and resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Hawkins." The scores were as follows:

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."	200	500	600	Total
Name	yds.	yds.	yds.	tal.
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	30	30	33	93
P.O. H. Page	30	30	30	90
P.O. A. Lewry	30	30	29	89
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	23	31	27	86
P.O. A. C. Thoday	27	29	27	83
A.B. L. Ring	27	30	20	77
L.S. S. Trowbridge	25	23	25	75
Sgt. W. J. Atkins	24	23	25	75

Totals 221 232 215 668

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P.O. C. Stace	28	25	25	78
S.P.O. A. Patton	23	24	22	70
A.B. E. Lobb	31	23	22	76
A.B. E. Webb	31	23	22	76
A.B. H. Hawker	25	24	16	65
A.B. W. Barnes	20	21	24	65
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Totals 157 193 176 526

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ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

CASE AGAINST CHINESE DISMISSED.

The case in which a Chinese named Tse Hing was charged with conspiring with others to defraud another Chinese of \$2,000, was concluded before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when defendant was discharged.

Mr. D. McCallum prosecuted, and the defendant was represented by Mr. L. D. Turner. A Police interpreter gave evidence that at the Police Station when he asked the two shop foks whether they saw complainant hand over money to defendant they said they did not see the money handed over, but heard their mistress speak about it.

After further evidence, Mr. Turner addressed the Court drawing attention to contradictory statements of witnesses regarding the passing of the money. Referring to the woman who turned up at the Station two days after the Police had rejected the case, Mr. Turner said she apparently had subsequently developed a marvellous memory for details. The case for the prosecution had been most obviously "worked up" and could hardly be credited.

Mr. McCallum, replying, said that as far as the prosecution was concerned the facts were very simple. There was only complainant's evidence of any money having been passed. The two foks had said in the Police Station they only heard about it, but they saw complainant with money in her hands. The woman who gave evidence said also that she saw the money in the complainant's hands but did not see it pass. His Worship knew how confused Chinese got in these matters, and there was nothing very extraordinary about the fact that the woman was not called when the foks went to the Police Station for the first time. He submitted that this was not the first time that defendant had taken advantage of his position as being entirely in charge of the shop.

His Worship after consideration said he thought the whole charge was concocted, and defendant would be discharged.

MARINE COURT.

At the Marine Court yesterday, Lieutenant Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., dealt with the following cases:

The master of an unlicensed junk was fined \$50, with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour, for failing to take out a licence for his junk, as required by the Hongkong Merchant Shipping Ordinance.

Another master of an unlicensed junk was fined \$30, or three weeks' hard labour in default, for (a) failing to report the arrival of his junk to the Harbour Office, (b) failing to take out a licence for his junk, and (c) leaving port without obtaining clearance.

Four masters of cargo boats were each fined \$5, with the alternative of five days' hard labour, for mooring their boats inshore at a distance of less than 100 yards from low water mark.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. E. STEARNS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. H. E. Stearns of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. Mr. Stearns, who until recently was Manager of the Society's Branch at Kobe, had been in poor health for some time and only recently passed away on his home on the 14th inst.

He was, however, unable to proceed farther than Colombo where he entered hospital and, following an operation, he passed away on the 14th inst.

THE FRENCH SETTLEMENT AT SHANGHAI.

FOREIGN POPULATION DOUBLED IN FIVE YEARS.

The census of the Foreign Concession at Shanghai taken in October showed a population of 297,073, made up of 7,611 foreigners and 289,462 Chinese. British represented by 2,312, are the most numerous among the foreign population. Russians come next, with 1,403; then Americans, 1,151; French, 822; German, 270; Danish, 151; Japanese, 176; Portuguese, 115. No fewer than 23 different nationalities are represented in the foreign population.

The census taken in 1920 showed a foreign population of 3,563; so that in five years the foreign population of the French Settlement has more than doubled.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

HONGKONG CARGO VIA SHANGHAI.

The strike committee in Canton, having discovered that a great deal of Hongkong cargo has been going into Canton by way of Shanghai, has ordered the pickets to keep a close watch over all ships arriving from Shanghai, so as to keep out all "enemy goods."

A Canton gunboat, *Kong-hon*, will be stationed at Bocca Tigris to inspect all foreign steamers entering Canton waters.

DETAINED SHIP TO BE RELEASED.

The China Merchants' s.s. *Hsin Fah*, detained by the Army authorities at Whampoa some weeks ago for having caused damage to a sub-marine cable about which no public notice has ever been gazetted, is to be released, the owners of the ship having agreed to repair the cable.

THE LANGUAGE OF TRADE CONTRACTS.

Following upon a resolution passed last week and reported in the *Daily Press* at the time, the Canton Merchants' Association has issued a notification advising all Chinese merchants, in their future contracts and business agreements with foreigners, to employ the Chinese language only.

The Chinese merchants supporting the action consider this will make future disputes arising from trade agreements depend only on Chinese interpretation and not on a language with which they are unfamiliar.

BANDITS PROFIT BY A RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Not only was damage caused to the rolling stock by the derailling of a northward bound train on the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railway, between Wushek and Mapu Stations on December 12th; some 35 passengers were carried off by bandits.

BURGLARY AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

THEFTS FROM THREE ROOMS.

While the residents of the Peak Hotel were soundly sleeping on Tuesday night a thief, or thieves, entered the rooms of three of the guests and relieved them of some of their valuables.

The heaviest loss was sustained by Mrs. Kill, wife of Mr. E. F. Kill, electrical engineer at H.M. Naval Yard. In this case the thief opened a wardrobe and took from it a platinum ring having two large and eight small diamonds, valued at £90, a gold watch, valued at £12, and a handbag which contained among other things a small sum of money. The bag, minus the money, was found in a bath-room, through which the thief would appear to have gained entrance to the hotel. The thief had evidently broken a pane of glass in order to unbolt the door of the bathroom.

From the room occupied by Mr. W. A. Butterfield a gold-filled Waltham watch, full hunter, valued at \$60 gold, and some money—about \$12—was taken from a wallet which had apparently been thoroughly searched.

A sitting room occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Balaan was also entered, but the only thing stolen was a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles in a case. A clock had been removed from the mantelpiece, but for some unknown reason—perhaps on account of its weight—it was left on the table. Possibly the thief was disturbed in his operations as it seems strange that in a room which contained several articles of value, more convenient to carry than a clock, the burglar should have taken only a pair of spectacles.

The police were informed as soon as residents on rising in the morning became aware of their losses, and efforts are being made to trace the thief and the missing property.

TELEPHONE CO. SHARES.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST TO REMAIN OPEN.

Inquiry at the offices of the Hongkong Telephone Co., yesterday, elicited the information that as yet the 250,000 shares offered for public subscription have not been all taken up, and even if they are over-subscribed, it is not intended that the list should be closed immediately.

It is anticipated that the applications for shares will easily reach the number offered to the public.

DEPARTURES FOR HOME.

MR. G. N. ORME AND REV. E. K. QUICK.

Among those who left for Home yesterday on the Blue Funnel liner s.s. *Patroclus*, were Mr. G. N. Orme (Director of Education) and Mrs. Orme, and the Rev. E. K. Quick, of St. Stephen's College.

Mr. Orme has gone Home on sick leave, and we understand is likely to be invalided out of the Government service while at Home.

Mr. A. E. Wood will act as Director of Education in Mr. Orme's absence or until a substantial appointment is made.

Mr. Orme has been in the Government service of Hongkong for a period of 24 years. He was born in 1873, and obtained the degree of B.A. at Oxford, being later admitted a Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple. Mr. Orme joined the Hongkong Civil Service as a cadet in 1897 and the posts he has filled in the course of his career include those of Acting Assistant Registrar-General, Acting Second Police Magistrate, Acting A.S.P. and Police Magistrate of New Territories, Acting D.S.P., Assistant Land Officer of the New Territories, Acting District Officer, Head of the Sanitary Department, attached to Crown Solicitor's Office and later attached to Attorney-General's Office, District Officer, Acting First Police Magistrate, Acting Director of Education, First Police Magistrate, Estate Deputy Commissioner, Official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks, and lastly Acting Director of Education in February, 1924, the confirmation of appointment as Director being received shortly afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Orme went for a trip to Java last summer, from which Mr. Orme returned much improved in health, but a week or two ago he was taken ill with malaria and has in consequence had to leave for Home after being medically advised to adopt this course.

Yesterday many old friends attended at Queen's Pier to wish Mr. and Mrs. Orme "Good-bye," good luck, and better health in the future and happy days in England.

THE REV. E. K. QUICK.

The Rev. E. K. Quick, also a passenger on the *Patroclus*, will be particularly missed in the Colony as a cricketer and an all-round sportsman. He had played regularly in the interport cricket matches while in Hongkong and was captain of the successful team that was sent to Shanghai this year. He has also played for the University Cricket Club, to whom he has been of very material assistance. He was presented by them, prior to his departure from Hongkong, with a suitable token of their appreciation of his support of their Club.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

REPRESENTATIONS BY KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

At the usual monthly meeting of this Association held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, the President, Mr. W. S. Bailey, in the chair, the following business was transacted:

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

As only a strip of ground along Chatham Road and not the full area further back from the road had been prepared by Government, the President was asked to interview the Hon. Colonial Secretary on the matter with a view to obtaining for the children the full area for which the Association had asked Government.

DANGEROUS CYCLING BY YOUTHS IN KOWLOON.

A letter was read from the C.S.P. stating that this practice was not confined to Chinese, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write the C.S.P. that the Association's complaint included all offenders against whom heavier penalties should be imposed.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES IN KOWLOON.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to again write to the Government on this subject giving specific instances of confusion in numbering with consequent annoyance caused by wrong delivery or non-delivery of letters, etc.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Government respectfully requesting to be informed of the date of the opening of this Hospital.

ALLEGED FORGED WILL. OLD WOMAN AND HER GRANDSON'S PROPERTY.

Before Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., the Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court yesterday, Li Lu Shi, of 106, Queen's Road East, applied for the revocation of a will supposedly made by her grandson, Li Sik Kwan, on the ground that it was a forgery. She also claimed administration of the estate. The defendant was Li Soo Shi, wife of deceased, who lived in Shamshui, to whom probate of the will had been granted. She did not contest the action.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli) was for plaintiff.

Mr. Fitzroy in stating the case, said deceased was supposed to have made a will which was signed. The plaintiff's husband died many years ago, and she bought a boy and adopted him. In time he got married and there was one son. Soon after the child was born the father went to Canton and had not been heard of since. The mother later went away, and never came back. The grandmother took charge of the child and they went to live in the village of Shek Lung, in the province of Kwangtung. At the age of 17, he married and there were two children, a son and daughter. The son died, but the daughter, who was about 7 years of age, was still living.

Counsel went on to say that Li Sik Kwan fell ill and was attended by his grandmother, and no one could have access to him without her knowledge. She would also state that no one came to see him. He died on January 31st, 1921, and there was nothing said about a will. Her grandson's wife, defendant, continued to live with her for sometime, but later left and went to reside in Shamshui. While she was there, she met a nephew of the plaintiff, who was interested in the property. He went to her house, and she produced a document, which purported to be a will signed by her husband. She asked him to sign it as she wanted to get hold of the property, but he refused to affix his signature.

Dealing with the details of the will, Counsel referred to property at 270, Queen's Road and Wellington Street, and said that \$1,300 annually was derived from them by rent.

A GOOD SON.

Plaintiff giving evidence said that after her grandson's death there was no disagreement between her and defendant. After Li Sik Kwan's death, she never showed her anything in writing and never said that she had a will, nor did she mention anything about property. She (plaintiff) defrayed all the household expenses, and gave defendant a dollar or two each month. Even when her grandson was alive all the money was handed to her. "Li Sik Kwan was a very good son," she said. "He did not want money and I gave him \$2 or \$3 a month for expenses." Witness also stated that when defendant left her house, she took away with her a box containing title deeds and jewellery.

Li Wei Cheung, a nephew of plaintiff, residing at 106, Queen's Road East, who described himself as a partner of the Cheun Shing Cheung firm, said that he knew Li Soo Shi, who came to Hongkong in December, 1923. She invited him to her house and there produced a document, and with tears in her eyes, pleaded with him to sign it. She said she had some trouble with her grandmother-in-law. He refused to sign it. A few days later she again requested him to sign it, and he again refused. Sometime later he met her in the registrar's office, and the registrar told him that she had a right to collect the rents on deceased's property, since probate of his will had been granted. He (witness) had never heard that deceased had left a will. The document was produced, and witness said that he recognised it as the document which defendant asked him to sign.

His Lordship: How do you know that this document was that which defendant showed you on two occasions?

Witness: I recognise it by its size and colour.

His Lordship: Is that the only reason you have for recognising it?

Witness: Yes, that is all.

Replying to Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that he perused the document, and except for the signatures, it was the same one as defendant had shown him.

Mr. Fitzroy submitted that the will was a deliberate forgery. Defendant had asked Li Wei Cheung to sign it, because he was one of three men who held property in trust for the family.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff, and made an order that the probate be revoked.

DISPUTE OVER SUGAR. PROSECUTION WITHDRAWN.

"NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CHARGE OF LARCENY."

Tang Tin Fook, a salesman in the employ of the Kui Hing Loong firm, again appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stealing 16 bags of sugar, the property of the firm.

Mr. Gordon Leask prosecuted, and defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

When the case was before the Court last Thursday, a plea of not guilty was entered. On that occasion the prosecution alleged that defendant received a bill of lading in May of this year for a consignment of sugar which arrived for the firm from Hoihow for sale on commission. The case for the prosecution was that defendant went to the ship and took delivery of sugar and oil which was to be stored in the godown. The oil was taken to the godown, but it was said the sugar did not reach there. Subsequently when the books of the firm were examined by the managing partner it was found the sugar had not reached the godown. When the books of the Wing Fat Hong firm were seen, it was discovered that they had received the sugar and their books had been receipted with a chop which was not the chop of the Kui Hing Loong firm.

A former partner in the Kui Hing Loong firm gave evidence for the defence at the last hearing, that he gave instructions to the defendant at the time the sugar was received to take it to the Wing Fat Hong firm, as the quantity was not large enough for the Kui Hing Loong firm to dispose of wholesale. This witness, on that occasion, stated that at this time he was also a partner in the Chau Ki Lam firm, which received payment for the sugar from the Wing Fat Hong firm, the latter being given a receipt for the money.

In adjourning the case last week at the request of the prosecution, His Worship remarked that he did not see how he could possibly convict the defendant of larceny in view of the evidence given.

Yesterday when the case was called, Mr. Leask said His Worship would remember that the previous week he had made an application for the adjournment of the case in order that he might confer with his client and Mr. McCallum on the matter. On behalf of his client, he now wished to apply for leave to withdraw the case. His client felt that in view of what came out at the previous hearing he could not possibly bring evidence to convict the defendant.

Mr. McCallum said that in view of the possibility of a case being brought against the complainant in the present case for malicious prosecution, he would ask His Worship to record his findings on this case. At the last hearing His Worship expressed the opinion that on the evidence before the Court there was nothing to support a charge of larceny. The notes of His Worship on this matter would probably be made use of.

His Worship intimated that he would record a note as to his findings in the case, as requested. He remarked that the prosecution had very wisely withdrawn and therefore he discharged the defendant.

A BANISHÉE'S CRIMES.

IMPRISONMENT AND A BIRCHING.

A returned banishée, who posed as a constable and attempted to extort money, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

On Sunday, a man was arrested on a charge of being concerned in a Triad Society. The following day, defendant posing as a constable, visited the man's home and demanded \$5 from his wife, stating that he would influence the police to set her husband free. He was asked to call again; but next day the man was released, and on being told by his wife of the man's visit, he informed the police. Defendant was arrested and recognised as a banishée.

He was sentenced to three months' hard labour for posing as a constable, and one year's hard labour for having returned from banishment. In addition he was ordered to receive 15 strokes of the birch.

A CHAUFFEUR CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

SEQUEL TO COOLIE'S DEATH.

A motor-car driver of the Yau Lok Garage, whilst driving a car near Lai-chikok Prison on Sunday, knocked down a coolie, who later succumbed to his injuries in the Kwong Wah Hospital. The driver was charged yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy with manslaughter and driving a motor-car without efficient brakes. Accused was remanded for a week.

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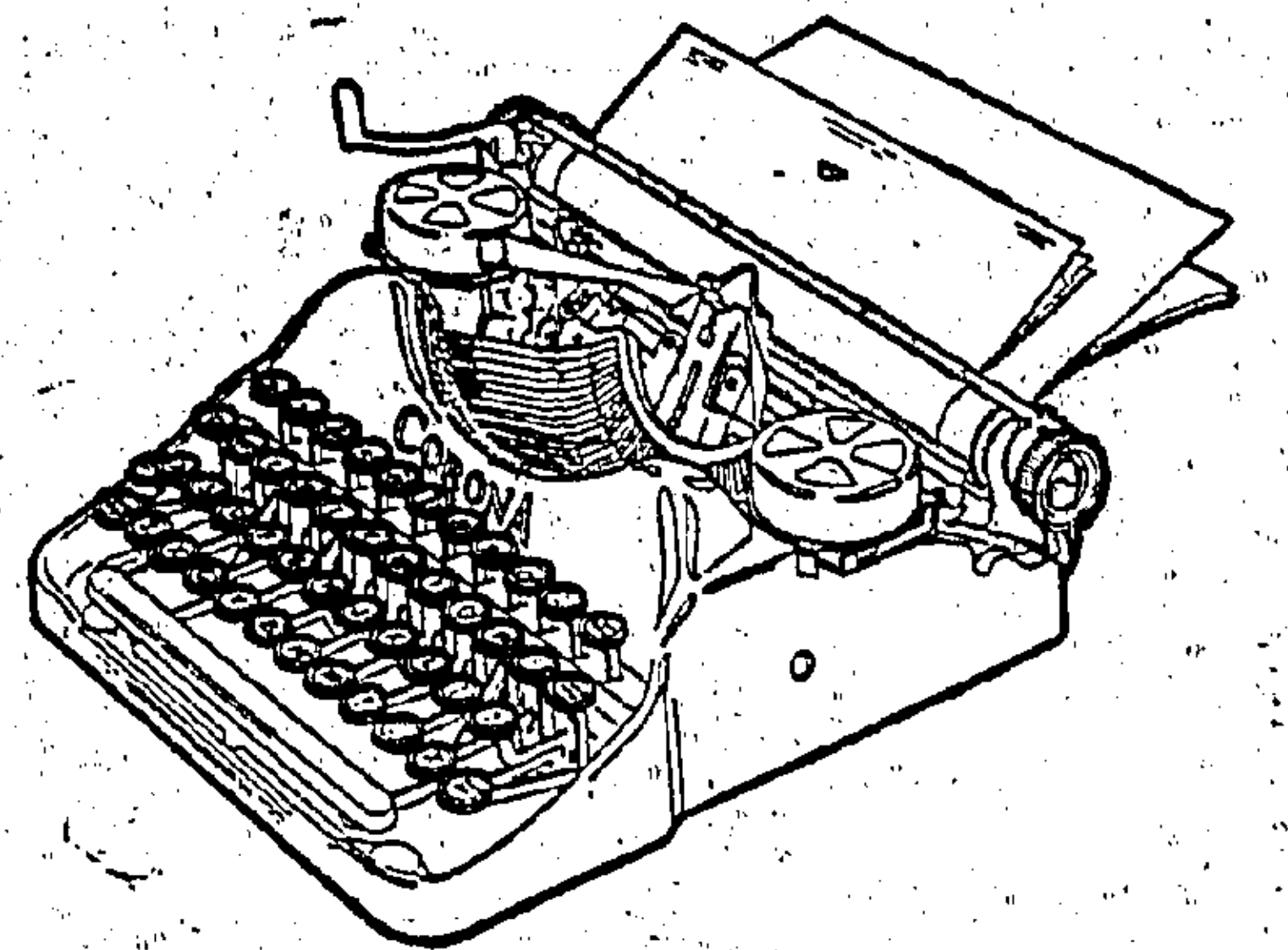
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Power of Attorney given and executed by Mr. JAN SEE CHING to JAN SEE IONG and dated the 8th day of October, 1925, has been CANCELLED.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1925.
G. R. HAYWOOD,
Solicitor for Mr. JAN SEE CHING.
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NOTICE.

MRS. DIANA WATTS is arriving in Hongkong on MONDAY NEXT by the *President Van Buren* and will lecture at the

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. F. MURFORD is no longer connected with this Company, and CEASED TO SIGN as SECRETARY from 1st DECEMBER, 1925.

KOWLOON TONG AND NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.
E. D. SHANK,
General Manager.
[2987]

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THEATRE ROYAL.

DECEMBER 23rd, 1925, at 9.15 P.M.

THIRD TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

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[2977]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM NEW YORK VIA MANILA.

CONSIGNEES for Company's Steamer

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 14th December.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, damaged and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undischarged after the 31st December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th January, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1925. [2969]

HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS.

CONTAINING ALL THE WEEK'S

LOCAL NEWS.

The Paper to send Home.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 3, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th to the 20th DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2981]

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 3, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1925, at 11.30 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 10th DECEMBER, 1925, until MONDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1925. [2983]

TO BE LET OR SOLD.

FULLY FURNISHED BUNGALOW in

CHURCH ROAD.

For further Particulars, Apply to—

DEACONS,
1, Des Vaux Road, Central.
[2942]

TO LET.

ON or About MARCH, 1926, WHOLE FLAT or SPACIOUS SUITE of OFFICES in the "FRANCE BUILDING" at "VICTORIA BUILDING," No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (between CHARTERED BANK and MESSANVILLE BANK).

Apply to—

BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE,
Chater Road.
[2907]

TO LET.

COMMODOUS PREMISES ON GROUND

FLOOR, 16A, DES VAUX ROAD CENTRAL.

Would make Adm. Showroom. For full particulars, apply to—

THE MANAGER,
HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO.
[2514]

TO LET.

GODOWNS in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (Basement).

Apply—

SECRETARY,
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
[2932]

TO LET.

OFFICES in UNION BUILDING—

THREE ROOMS on FIFTH FLOOR.

Apply—

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
[2173]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET.—MODERN VILLA Fully Furnished, during Absence of advertiser, March to November, 1925. Best Location Overlooking Harbour, Modern Fittings, 3 W.C.'s, 2 Bath Rooms, etc. Apply—51, GRANVILLE ROAD, KOWLOON—Preferably 2 P.M. and 6 P.M. [151]

WANTED.—For Immediate Occupation, Furnished House, BUNGALOW or FLAT at the Peak District or Middle Level. Write Box 163, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [153]

TO BE LET.—Early in March, 1926, Furnished Five Roomed House on PEAK Modern Conveniences Apply—Box No 152, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [152]

TO LET.—From April 1st, 1926, for Six Months, Well Furnished FLAT, Four Rooms, Central District, All Modern Conveniences including Elevator. Apply—Box No 155, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [155]

LOST.—In the Ladies' Cloak Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday Evening Last, A DIAMOND RING. Finder will be Suitably Rewarded on Returning Same to THE MANAGER, Hongkong Hotel. [154]

TO BE SOLD or TO BE LET.—THE CORNERS, Barker Road, Fully Furnished. Apply to DAWSON, BAK & GIBBS. [156]

WANTED.—Daily or Resident Nurse for Small Boy Aged 2½. Apply—Box 157, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [157]

TO LET.—EUROPEAN FLAT at No. 241, Nathan Road, Kowloon, with all Modern Conveniences. Apply to—Messrs. KATAMALLY & Co., 8 and 5, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong. [158]

INTIMATION

"With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come;
And let my liver rather heat with wine,
Than my heart cool with mortifying groans.
Why should a man whose blood is warm within,
Sit like his grandsire cut in alabaster?
Sleep when he wakes? And creep into the jaundice
By being peevish?"
Merchant of Venice. Act I, Sc. 2.

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Xeres de la Frontera
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Duty Paid.
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Light Dry ... \$35.00 \$3.00

Solera ... 37.00 3.10

Very Pale Dry ... 38.00 3.25

Pale Dry Nutty ... 40.00 3.40

Fine Old Brown ... 44.00 3.75

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Invalid ... \$38.00 \$3.25

Douro ... 40.00 3.40

Old Tawny ... 44.00 3.75

Estrella ... 46.00 3.90

Very Old Tawny ... 58.00 5.00

Oldest & Finest ... 61.00 5.20

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Wine and Spirit Merchants.

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BIRTH.

DIVERS.—At Shanghai, on December 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. DIVERS, a daughter.

DEATH.

KREMER.—At Hankow, on December 9th, PAUL KREMER, Consul de France, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, aged 49 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 17TH, 1925.

ANOTHER CABLE HOME.

THERE is undoubtedly a strong undercurrent of dissatisfaction in the Colony regarding the way in which the Trade Loan is being handled. It is being distributed so slowly, and in what is represented to us as so niggardly a fashion, that there appears to be real danger that it will hopelessly fail to accomplish the purpose for which it was primarily intended. We were never thoroughly convinced that the loan was required, and are inclined to the belief that application for it was made hurriedly and without due consideration. But that is beside the point at the moment. The application was made, and, immediately, without question, certainly without any haggling over rates of interest and terms of repayment, the sum of approximately thirty million dollars was placed at our disposal. It was a wonderful gesture of good-will from the Old Country, expressed in a peculiarly British and practical way both sympathetic with the difficulties in which we had been placed, and confidence in our ability to surmount them. Now, it is alleged, the whole transaction is being shorn of its glamour by the pedantic attitude adopted by the local committee. Those entrusted with the task of distributing the cash are being

roundly accused of lack of imagination and failure to grasp the real need of the present financial situation. We have a picture of them clasping the money bags to their breasts and peddling out the contents upon terms which add to, rather than lighten, the burdens of the borrowers—terms which, it is urged, would be refused with scorn by any business man in normal times. Who, it is asked, is taking advantage of, and making a profit from, the generous impulse which first made the dollars available?

We admit that this summing-up of the case may appear to be perilously near to that which would be given by those who, having cherished a secret hope of receiving a little financial accommodation, now find it dashed to the ground. But even allowing for that aspect of the case there is still cause for discontent at the slowness with which the local committee, or the experts advising them, are carrying out their duties, and it was unquestionably this feeling of discontent which led to the dispatch of a sharply worded telegram home in answer to the somewhat fatuous questions put by Mr. A. Spook in the House of Commons on Monday. It seems rather late in the day for a member of Parliament to ask for information of the purposes of the loan to Hongkong, but the question having been asked a number of the members of our local community decided that they would supplement Mr. Omsby Gore's answer that it was for the purpose of restoring confidence and financing trade. They have informed *The Times*, and the Press Association and also Colonel JOHN WARD (who, we believe, is ill and will be unable to take any steps in the matter) that although this was the loan's original purpose it is failing in its object through delay in placing it in circulation. The cable, as we have said, was pointed, and contained a reference not entirely complimentary in its context to the policy of the British banks. We should imagine it will receive fairly wide publicity. It was probably born from disappointment in alliance with irritation but it may perhaps serve a useful purpose if it awakens some of us here into a realisation of the fact that the chances which the loan might at one time have possessed of doing material good are being gradually frittered away. Three million pounds put on the market in dribbles over a period of a year or more at from eight to twelve per cent. interest is not going to restore confidence or advance trade to any extent. Its effect will not be felt. The loan having been accepted it should be re-loaned with as little delay as possible. H.E. THE GOVERNOR, as we announced recently, saw the need for this and widened the scope under which application for assistance might be made with a reasonable prospect of success. The Resumptions Office being overburdened with the work of valuing securities, His Excellency also agreed that architects' valuations of property should be accepted. This will probably speed up matters to some extent but doubt is expressed in some quarters whether such steps are sufficient. Altogether now some three million dollars have been distributed—considerably less than half a million sterling out of three millions over a period of nearly three months. At this rate it will take about two years to circulate the money and as the loan should be repaid within such a period the position is obviously farcical.

If the loan is really required—upon which point we are still doubtful—let it be made available quickly and in generous measure in somewhat the same spirit in which it was offered to the Colony. To profess a generosity which, in practice, turns out to be something of a snare and a delusion, smacks rather too much of the methods of the money lending fraternity, and gives rise to feelings which, instead of creating confidence, prompt and encourage the dispatch of such cables as the one to which we have referred. That cable, in our opinion, was ill-advised, but it must be admitted that, in the circumstances, it was very natural and human.

The French cruiser *Jules Michelet* has gone into Taikoo Dock.

The Post Office announces that the parcels post service to Canton is resumed.

A small Chinese cruiser arrived in the Harbour yesterday. The usual salutes were exchanged.

A motor car and a truck collided in Des Vaux Road West, yesterday. The front fender of the car was damaged.

Sir Edward and Lady Pearce, of Shanghai passed through the Colony on the *Patrolus* en their way to England.

Complaints are heard in the Colony regarding the high cost of rice, which is at present costing the consumer about \$12 a picul.

Mr. H. E. Morris's wonderful pony, Warrenfield, and three auction griffins purchased by him, have been sold to the racing partnership of Beudin and Speelman, of Shanghai.

Among residents who returned to the Colony from home by the N.Y.K. *Atsuta Maru* yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett, Mrs. R. A. C. North and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth.

When the last mail left Shanghai 3.30 operatives of the Ewo Cotton Mill were out on strike, in spite of a notice that an increase of 10 per cent. in wages would be made from January 1st.

The Philharmonic Society repeated "Iolanthe" at a special matinee at the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon. The opera will be repeated to-day, to-morrow night, and on Saturday night.

The Shanghai Jockey Club's charity disbursements for the second-half of this year amounts to \$121,000. This has been obtained by race meetings on the Shanghai Race Course this autumn.

The claim for wages brought against Mrs. McKim by her coolie and amah, was dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, owing to the non-attendance of the complainants.

At Shanghai last week Mr. Alan MacKenzie was awarded by the Court of Consuls' \$1,200 as damages for injuries sustained in a collision between a police motor-car and a ricksha in which he was riding.

Sir Percival Phillips, a Special Correspondent of the *London Daily Mail*, who came up to China from Australia a couple of months ago, passed through Hongkong on the *Patrolus*, homeward bound.

A new Merryweather appliance arrived at the Central Fire Station yesterday. Its engine is the latest Merryweather type, and it carries an escape. The motor is 60 h.p. and is capable of travelling 60 miles an hour.

Among the passengers who left for Home on the *Patrolus* yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Orme, Rev. E. K. Quick, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, Mrs. Somers Ellis, Miss Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Keigwin.

A missionary meeting for soldiers and sailors was held at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, when the speakers were the Rev. G. G. Burnes, B.A., on "Training for the Gospel in Northern Kwangtung" and Dr. G. W. Hollings on "A Doctor's work in a Mission Hospital."

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for last week shows one death from small-pox; 2 cases of diphtheria (1 British, 1 Chinese), one case proving fatal; 3 fatal Chinese cases of enteric fever; one case of puerperal fever. One death from influenza (not a notifiable disease) is also shown on the return.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese woman, charged with attempting to export money and with assault, was fined \$10; \$10 on the first and \$5 on the second. When searched by a female searcher at the Wing On wharf, \$60 in Canton money was found in her possession. She struggled with the searcher and bit her hand.

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club have arranged to hold the annual Kowloon Marathon Race on Monday, March 1st. The distance of the race will be about 6½ miles and the event is open to all Europeans in the Colony. Three silver prize cups will be awarded and entries have to be sent to Secretary before February 20th.

A requiem mass for the late M. Paul Kremer, formerly the French Consul at Hongkong, whose death at Hankow, where he had been Consul in charge of French interests since March last, was announced last week, will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, this morning at nine o'clock. Members of the French community and all friends of the deceased are invited to attend.

The Criminal Sessions open to-morrow. There are ten cases for trial. A Chinese is arraigned for the murder of an Indian constable at Mongkok in October last; and Mr. James Edward Atherley, formerly manager of the Getz Bros. (of the Orient) Ltd., stands his trial on charges of embezzlement. The other charges comprise armed robberies, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, shooting with intent to cause bodily harm, receiving stolen property, and one case of attempting to bribe a public official.

Mrs. Diana Watts, who is on a world tour and to whom reference was made in these columns recently, will arrive in Hongkong on Monday by the s.s. *President Van Buren* and will lecture at the Theatre Royal the same evening at 9.15 on "The Principles of Greek Balance." On Tuesday afternoon, at 5.15, she will lecture on "The Science of Perfect Movement." Mrs. Watts makes her lectures particularly interesting and attractive by illustrating them in her own person and ends the second lecture by giving an ancient Greek dance. All profits will go to the M.C.L. funds. Booking is at Moutrie's.

Mail from London and Europe via Siberia and also mail from Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai, is due to-day by the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*. Another mail from Home via Nagapattam (letters and papers, London November 19th), is due on Sunday by the s.s. *Takada*. The s.s. *President Van Buren* is due on Monday next with mail from U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, and the s.s. *President Wilson* will bring letters and papers, etc., from the same ports on Christmas Eve; while on Boxing Day the s.s. *President Jefferson* is due with mail from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai. The above mails will largely comprise Xmas letters and parcels.

"Captain Blood," the film adapted from the book by Raphael Sabatini, was thoroughly enjoyed at the Queen's Theatre both at Tuesday's and yesterday's performances. It is crammed with interest, breathless adventure and excitement from start to finish. The slave scenes in the West Indies and the piracy incidents on the high seas are all very realistically portrayed and lead up to a fitting climax, when the notorious Captain Blood becomes the Governor of Jamaica and incidentally marries the daughter of the former Governor, Col. Bishop, who shortly after the story opens became the purchaser of Blood, body and soul for the sum of £15. The picture will be screened to-day at four performances, at 2.30 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. It will be shown at the same times to-morrow and also on Saturday.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory stated: The anticyclone continues to increase in intensity. The northern depression is passing to the north of Hokkaido and the typhoon probably remains in the vicinity of the Pelew Islands. Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the coast over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, drizzle or mist.

CABLES

EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANOTHER FRENCH CRISIS.

FINANCE MINISTER RESIGNS.
HITCH IN TAXATION PROGRAMME.

PARIS, December 15th.

Notwithstanding the Chamber Finance Commission's rejection of certain of M. Loucheur's financial proposals, the Cabinet, including M. Loucheur, will remain in office. M. Loucheur will seek a compromise with the commission.

LATER.

M. Loucheur has resigned. M. Loucheur himself was present in the Chamber Finance Committee which confirmed last night's decision regarding fresh taxation and a sinking fund. The discussion centred on the issue whether the Commission would ask the Government to submit new proposals or the committee itself draft a scheme.

Subsequently Messieurs Malvy and Lamoureux, respectively chairman and rapporteur of the Finance Committee, called on M. Briand and explained the exact significance of the committee's decision to refer back the whole of the Government's fiscal proposals, which were in nowise aimed against M. Briand.

M. Loucheur then called on M. Briand and tendered his resignation.

LATEST CABLES.

NEW FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER.

PARIS, December 16th.

M. Paul Doumer has been appointed Finance Minister.

[M. Doumer was born on March 22nd, 1857. He was elected deputy in 1888 and 1902, and appointed Minister of Finance in 1905-06. He was Governor-General of Indo-China in 1907-1910. He was elected Senator in 1912, and was Minister of Finance again in 1921-22.]

EARLIER CABLES.

THE SOVIET AND THE LOCARNO PACT.

THE LEAGUE OR THE DEVIL?

PARIS, December 15th.

Bombarded with questions in the course of an interview in the Russian Embassy by pressmen from all over the world, M. Tchitcherine reiterated his opinion that the Locarno treaties were part of the British policy against the Soviet crusade. The Soviet desired an immediate conference on disarmament, but maintained its anti-League of Nations attitude, though it was the Soviet's duty to attend conferences with humanitarian objects, "whether summoned by the League or the Devil himself."

He explained that the Soviet aimed at separate treaties of friendship regarding its debts.

He summed up the attitude of the Russian peasants and workers in the words of a peasant woman who told him: "I lost three sons fighting against Denikin. Now they want our money."

IRISH TREATY.

RATIFIED BY DAIL EIRANN.

LONDON, December 15th.

The Dail has passed all the stages of the London agreement, after an eight hours debate, with several divisions on all sections of the Bill; but the Government majority averaged over thirty.

SAFEGUARDING OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

NEW BILL PASSED.

LONDON, December 16th.

The Safeguarding of Industries Customs Duties Bill, a clause of which provides that Empire-produced cutlery, gloves and gas mantles shall pay only two-thirds of the duty, has passed the Committee Stage without alteration.

PRICE OF TEA.

FOOD COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE INCREASE.

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a questioner who suggested that the recent rise of six pence per lb. in the wholesale price of tea was due to the restriction of supplies, Sir Cunliffe Lister promised to ask the Food Council to inquire into the causes of the increase.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE MOSUL QUESTION.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

GENEVA, December 15th.

Matters appear to be shaping towards a settlement of the obstinately contested Mosul question, between Britain and Turkey. Conferences are proceeding, and a general rumour bears out the anticipation that the Brussels line will be adopted as the frontier, with possible economic adjustments.

TURKISH ATROCITIES AT MOSUL.

FINDING OF THE COMMISSION.

GENEVA, December 15th.

Further evidence of the atrocities in Mosul is contained in additions to General Laidner's report. The Commissioners place the responsibility on the shoulders of the Sixty-Second Regiment of Turkish infantry.

They depict the horrors of forced, hurried deportations and massacres, and relate incidents of women being violated and buried alive under stones. They state that at Baijo alone forty men were taken from their families and assassinated in a remote building by Turkish soldiers who were anxious not to be disturbed during the orgies.

Columns were marched for six or ten days, without food, several falling out and being immediately massacred.

The Commissioners draw attention to the fact that the Christians were not ill-treated by the Kurds, who protested to the Turks and refused Turkish orders to massacre the deportees, whereupon the Turks shot several Kurdish chiefs. A number of Moslem chiefs on the frontier expressed a desire to be placed within the Iraq frontiers, to procure their safety.

COUNTER ALLEGATIONS.

GENEVA, December 15th.

The Turkish delegation has written to the Secretary-General of the League protesting against accusations of Turkish atrocities, alleged to have been made by Chaldean ecclesiastics, as inventions, and citing a passage in the Commission of Enquiry's report purporting to show that the British authorities distributed nineteen hundred rifles and ammunition among the Assyrian tribes.

THE IRAQ MANDATE.

GENEVA, December 15th.

It is understood that Sir Austen Chamberlain has assured the Council that Great Britain is willing to extend the mandate in Iraq twenty-five years and pointed out that this period is the maximum. Nothing could prevent Iraq entering the League earlier, thus shortening the British obligation.

LATEST CABLES.

GREAT TRIUMPHS FOR THE LEAGUE.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ON ITS SUCCESSES.

GENEVA, December 16th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that three things made the present meeting of the League important: firstly, the settlement of the Greco-Bulgarian dispute which might have had calamitous consequences; secondly, the Mosul settlement which Britain accepted and welcomed, though he was at present unaware of the entire terms of the decision. With regard to Iraq a mandate of twenty-five years was the maximum mandate, and would cease when an independent Iraq joined the League. It had been impossible to hold conversations with the Turks as there was no common ground. We are anxious to create good relations and if Turkey is now willing to accept the decision of the League, we shall be happy to converse with her. Thirdly, the deposit of the Locarno agreement with the Secretariat rendered the session memorable.

EARLIER CABLES.

TRAM-CAR ACCIDENT IN MOSCOW.

Moscow, December 15th. Seven people were killed, and 42 seriously injured as the result of the derailment of a tramcar, which wrecked a house.

HOME FOOTBALL.

OUF REPLAY RESULT.

LONDON, December 15th.

In the Cup replay, Grimsby beat Kettering by 2 goals to 1.

SIR EDWARD STUBBS ON HONGKONG'S TROUBLES.

CONFIDENCE IN HONGKONG'S FUTURE.

LONDON, December 15th.

Sir Edward Stubbs, until lately Governor of Hongkong, was the guest of the Colonial Institute at a City luncheon. In a speech, Sir Edward emphasised that the troubles in Hongkong were started by Russian agitators at Canton who made no secret of their intention to ruin the Colony.

Sir Edward contended that his counter-strike methods were not unpopular amongst those who were meant to protect. He did not think the trouble would last much longer. He had great faith in the common sense of the Kwangtung Chinese, who, before long, would purify Canton of the "Red" element.

When the situation was normal, he added, Hongkong would have a future far exceeding the past. There was no possibility of Hongkong being cut out by any other port. The Cantonese were talking wildly of developing Whampoa. The port would require much dredging and it had other drawbacks. If competition came it was not to be doubted that Hongkong would win.

The really important question was the completion of the railway from Canton to Hsankow. He feared that Dr. Sun Yat Sen misunderstood him during the recent abortive negotiations with a view to financing the Canton line from Hongkong funds. The result of Sun Yat Sen's death was that the power had passed into the hands of certain persons who had neither his interest nor tolerance of the British grip. This was the beginning of the Bolshevik movement in South China.

SLAVERY IN NORTHERN BURMA.

HUMAN SACRIFICES TO BE SUPPRESSED.

RANGOON, December 15th.

A small official expedition has been despatched to effect the release of all slaves in the Hakwang Valley (Northern Burma). Arrangements will be made to compensate the slave-owners generously. The expedition will meet the Naga chiefs and express the Indian Government's abhorrence of human sacrifices. It is anticipated the expedition will result in supplies of victims for sacrifice from this side of the frontier being completely cut off.

RUSSIA AND NORWAY.

COMMERCIAL TREATY CONCLUDED.

OSLO, December 15th.

The Russo-Norwegian commercial and shipping treaty has been signed at Moscow.

EARLIER CABLES.

FATAL TENEMENT FIRE IN NEW YORK.

TRAPPED INMATES JUMP TO STREET.

NEW YORK, December 15th.

Five were killed and several injured in a fire at a tenement house in Eastside, occupied by sixteen families.

The fire broke out in a lower hall, shutting off the escape of the people in the upper floors, some of whom were injured by jumping in the street.

THE MURDER OF "BATTLING SIKI."

BODY FOUND IN STREET.

NEW YORK, December 15th.

The body of "Batling Siki" whose murder in a low quarter of New York was reported yesterday, was found lying face downward on the pavement at four o'clock in the morning by a policeman who had met and exchanged greetings with the boxer shortly after midnight. Near to where the body was found a revolver lay in the gutter. Two chambers were empty and it is believed that the weapon was thrown away by the murderer when he fled.

Siki was well-known in the neighbourhood and it is suggested that he had been to one of the numerous night clubs and had become involved in a dispute which was continued into the street, ending in his murder. Siki was last July knifed at the same spot.

LATEST CABLES.

HOCKEY.

CANADIANS DEFEAT AMERICANS.

NEW YORK, December 16th.

The Canadian hockey team from Montreal won the Prince of Wales trophy, defeating New York Americans by 3 to 1 in Madison Square Garden. Fifteen thousand spectators listened to selections played by the Canadian Governor-General's footguards.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHANG TSO LIN'S TROOPS IN RETREAT.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS PANIC-STRICKEN.

JAPAN'S WARNING.

TOKYO, December 15th.

An official message from Mukden states that Chang Tso Lin's forces, retreating from Hsianinfu and Mukden, are engaging in looting, and foreign residents are in consequence panic-stricken.

A later message states that in view of the situation in Manchuria, the Japanese Office announces its immediate intention of bringing up the garrison to full strength by sending a thousand troops from Korea, following this up with 2,500 from Kureme. When the latter arrive, the original thousand will return to Korea.

The Commander of the Kwangtung Garrison has again notified the warring Generals that no fighting will be allowed within gun-range of the railway or near the Japanese zone interests.

TIENTSIN QUIET.

TIENTSIN, December 15th.

News from the front is very scanty, but apparently Li Ching Lin is now past Tientsin. The city is very quiet. Most of the shops are displaying posters inscribed "Down with Feng!" and "Down with the Bolsheviks."

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR MANCHURIA.

TOKYO, December 16th.

It is learned from the War Office that part of the troops transferred from Korea have already left for Manchuria and the remainder will follow immediately; but the troops from Kureme will probably not be leaving till December 18th.

It is understood that the troops from Korea will consist of infantry and artillery only, whereas those from Kureme will form a composite brigade of all arms under Major-General Saito, with an automobile Wireless section attached.

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S CREDO.

AN ELECTION DECLARATION.

In the recent election campaign in Australia Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister, defined his policy in the following terms: "I believe in Australia's future as a great self-governing Dominion of the British Empire; I believe in the preservation of our racial purity; I believe in the rapid and progressive population of Australia by men and women of the British race, in accordance with the absorption power of the nation. I believe in constitutional Government and democratic institutions, and the maintenance of law and order. I believe in the adequate defence of Australia. I believe in the standards of living we have established for our people, and desire to see progressively advanced. I believe in industrial peace and the safeguarding of the rights and privileges of our workers by the peaceful settlement of industrial disputes within the law. I believe in sane finance, orderly development, and progressive legislation for the advancement of the social and economic conditions of our people."

SCHEMES TO AID EMPLOYMENT.

£7,400,000 IN STATE LOANS.

Schemes to provide additional employment during the winter months have reached the Unemployment Grants Committee during the past few months to a value of £12,700,000, including those to the value of £2,500,000, submitted by the Port of London Authority. Three hundred and eighty-nine work schemes of local authorities or public utility bodies have been approved, involving Government loans of £7,400,000, and a further £25 schemes, in which the Government helps to meet the wages bill. There remains £32,500,000 to be spent on road and bridge building schemes promoted by the Ministry of Transport. In addition work is likely to be started next year on the Mersey Tunnel at an estimated expenditure of £5,000,000.

There still remains a balance of £10,000,000 unspent credit in the hands of the Trade Facilities Committee, and in the last few months about £4,500,000 guarantees have been given, including £1,050,000 for shipbuilding, £1,450,000 for electrical development, and £850,000 for sugar machinery and factories. Last month the committee had before them a number of schemes involving orders for electrical machinery, railway materials, and other heavy-iron and steel machinery. Under the Export Credits scheme the amount of £20,430,000 was still available, the amount then in use being £2,302,000.

CANADA'S RAILWAY WONDER WORKER.

SIR H. THORNTON'S SLOGAN FOR SUCCESS.

PASSENGER QUESTS.

Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railway, on his arrival in London recently for the first time since he left this country in 1922, and was entrusted with the gigantic task of setting the Canadian railways on their feet, discussed his work in an interview with a London newspaper representative.

A genial giant of a man, he spoke in matter-of-fact tones of what is in effect one of the most remarkable feats in railway reorganisation ever accomplished. The figures he gave showed that he practically succeeded in a year, but that is not the way he put it. He was mainly concerned with references to his devoted and loyal staff.

The change that has come about happened a year after the present administration had been in office—not a word to suggest that it was he who was the origin of the success.

GIGANTIC UNDERTAKING.

It was only when he was asked it, during the whole of his career in railway work as draughtsman, ganger, and the rest, he had ever had a tougher job, he shook his head and smilingly said, "No, and with some to spare, although it has had many pleasant sides."

What the services of this former general manager of the Great Eastern Railway mean to the Canadian National Railways may be gathered from the fact that not only at £10,000 was he before perhaps, the highest paid railway official of the position in the world, but that he has just had a "rise," his contract being renewed at an increased figure of a further £2,000 a year.

With the exception of the German railways now brought into one group, said Sir Henry, "the Canadian National Railways are the largest State-owned enterprise of the kind in the world. The mileage is somewhat more than 22,000 miles."

"There operates on the railway an express company and a telegraph company with 100,000 miles of wire, whilst just to make sure that we do not idle about, the Government have turned over to us the merchant marine fleet of some 60 vessels."

STATE OWNERSHIP.

"There is a good deal of misapprehension," continued Sir Henry, "about the Canadian National Railway system. A great many people imagine that the creation of a State-owned system in Canada was because the Canadian people had examined and expressed approval of State ownership."

"The actual situation was, however, that the mileage which now represents the Canadian National immediately after the war was in a state of threatened bankruptcy. The Government had such a stake in it that partly for that reason and partly because they wanted to maintain an effective transport instrument they thought it a wise step to take over the property."

"I was simply given the baby to bring up, and I am glad to say that it is increasing in stature, and seems in a fair way to become a sturdy citizen."

"Our net earnings have increased from slightly less than three million dollars in 1922 over the whole system to slightly over 20 million dollars in 1923, which was the first year of the present administration."

"In 1924, owing partly to indifferent crop conditions, the net earnings were reduced to 17 million dollars, but this year, with an excellent crop, I think the 1923 figure will be exceeded."

"Our battle-cry is 'The passenger is the guest of the company.'"

Sir Henry, the renewal of whose contract recently was for three years, will be in this country for about a fortnight.

ENTRANCE TO SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES.

LATIN NO LONGER COMPULSORY.

New regulations governing entrance to the Scottish Universities have been framed by the Universities Entrance Board. The most important change is that entrance to a Scottish University has ceased to be obtained by the mere passing of an examination in so many subjects. All normal applicants must have undergone an approved school curriculum, and must furnish proof that the course has been successfully undergone by showing passes in four subjects according to the scheme laid down. Thus the leaving certificate of the Scottish Education Department will now furnish the normal entrance certificate to a University.

It was explained by Mr. A. Gemmel, however, in his statement to the Glasgow University Council in explanation of the regulations, that not all leaving certificates would admit to the Universities, for the school leaving certificate must be wider than the university entrance certificate. The Board had therefore designed the kind of leaving certificate they would accept, which raised the question of compulsory subjects. In no one subject, however, would a pass now be absolutely compulsory. Compulsory Latin has, therefore, gone, but the minimum basis required of applicants will include passes in higher English and lower mathematics, after which the applicant may complete the whole group with or without Latin. The normal leaving certificate obtained with four passes, two or three being higher, would admit to the University.

With regard to a leaving certificate gained by an applicant which falls (Continued at foot of next Column.)

GUIDANCE IN READING.

A NEW LIBRARY SCHEME AT WILLESDEN.

A novel method of encouraging young folk to read has just been initiated at Willesden. The authorities at the municipal libraries there, finding that boys, on leaving school, lose much of their passion for reading, have determined to help them to find out what to read. They have issued a handbook, compiled by the chief librarian, which touches on every writer, from Epictetus to Walt Whitman. Every boy and girl leaving school is to be presented with a copy, as a reminder of what can be had for the asking from the municipal library shelves.

"Boys are great readers—if you keep them at it," Mr. F. E. Chennell, the author of the book, explained. "The trouble is that when boys have left school they imagine they have had enough reading. The seventh standard boy often thinks he knows everything. When he is let loose in the world he finds other pleasures and recreations, and the period of good solid reading he has been doing under a schoolmaster's vigilance is ended."

"At about eighteen a youth begins to realise how little he knows, and what a great deal he must know if he is to make headway in the world. The result is a rush to the libraries and a cram to make up for lost time."

"We believe that the period immediately after leaving school is one of the most vital in a man's life. Then he has enthusiasm and an impressionable nature. Why blame him for not reading good stuff when there is no one at hand to tell him what is good and what is indifferent, and when he is too young to form his own opinion?"

"With girls the question is different. From observation, I should say there is no period in a girl's life when she is completely divorced from the sentimental or marriage theme. Some girls wander over a field as varied as boys, but generally when you find the latter swearing by Dickens, Stevenson, and John Buchan, you will find the girls already well acquainted with the works of Ethel M. Dell, Ruby M. Ayres, and similar writers, and their admiration never falters."

THE USE OF LIBRARIES.

Mr. Edward Green, Chief Librarian at Halifax, writes:—"This interesting account of the enterprise of one London borough could no doubt be multiplied by similar activities in other metropolitan areas. The needs of the adolescent—that great army which leaves our elementary schools each year, and 80 per cent. of which do not take advantage of continuation schools—are occupying the attention of educationists and others in no small degree. One line of advance opens to a greater provision of evening institutes where the individual preferences of young folk can be discovered and turned to account, not in any formal manner, but rather persuaded on educational and social lines. In any such effort books must play an important part, but to reap the fullest benefit some preliminary introduction to, and instruction in the use of libraries is necessary."

This aspect of the matter is understood in some places, and at Halifax during the past twenty years an attempt has been made to create a library ladder beginning in the elementary school and ending in the public libraries. Every school has its juvenile library containing from 100 to 600 volumes, carefully selected and renewed as often as necessary, and placed freely at the disposal of young readers. This is supplemented by organised visits of leaving scholars to the public libraries for instruction in and exploration of the resources of the adult libraries. Following such visits, small numbers of students visit the libraries unattended by teachers, and there pursue research work unaided. Each child is allowed and encouraged to dig from books information on topics of individual interest, and the results have been most gratifying. One result has been a much larger number of readers, but most important of all has been the better and more intelligent use of the facilities provided. It is of tremendous importance to equip a child with the knowledge that he can help himself from books, unaided, in later years when schools and teachers are far removed from his daily life."

TWO NOBLEMEN RESTORED TO JOCKEY CLUB.

A WAR-TIME DECISION REVERSED.

The Jockey Club has re-elected Prince Festetics and Count E. Battyany as honorary members of the club.

At a meeting of the Jockey Club in March, 1915, the chairman, Captain Greer, said there was no rule which gave the stewards power to deal with honorary members who had become enemy aliens. The stewards, however, took upon themselves to leave out of the list of honorary members in the club's calendar the names of the Hon. Prince Festetics, Count E. Battyany, Prince Festetics and Prince Kinsky.

Prince Festetics belongs to an old Hungarian family, some members of which have held high office in Hungary; others are allied by marriage to wealthy American families.

The first Prince Festetics of Tolna—a title created in 1911—married Lady Mary Hamilton, daughter of the eleventh Duke of Hamilton, who was often a hostess to King Edward. She died three years ago. Members of the wealthy Battyany family have also held high political office in Hungary.

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 15th.

German str., 850 tons, Capt. J. Jesson, from Singay re. with ballast, lying at buoy No. C15.—Jensen & Co.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. W. van Cortlandt, from Bangkok and Sandakan, lying at buoy No. B22.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Jade, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Lo Yat Sun, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Wing Yiu Co.

December 25th.

Maui Maru, Japanese str., 4,940 tons, Capt. M. Furukashi, from London, with 330 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Hagan Maru, Japanese str., 2,450 tons, Capt. S. Tabata, from Keelung and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Jade, French str., 388 tons, Capt. P. Maternati, from Port Bayard, with general cargo and pigs, lying at buoy No. C40.—Shun Cheong S.S.

Kiangsu, British str., 1,585 tons, Capt. A. V. Harrison, from Bangkok and Hoibow, with 2,391 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. B13.—B. & S.

Tharntin, Norwegian str., 5,700 tons, Capt. O. Nielsen, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 16th.

Atsuta Maru, for Shanghai.

Esmeralda, for Samarinda.

Hagan Maru, for Bangkok.

Kotai Maru, for Swatow.

Kwai Sang, for Bangkok.

Wan Sang, for Amoy.

Phraung, for Haiphong.

Thalatta, for Shanghai.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The total number of vessels in harbour at 9 a.m. yesterday was 84, of which 23 were British.

The vessels arriving for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered nine, of which the nationalities were: four British, one German, one Norwegian, one French, one Japanese and one Chinese. The departures for the same period numbered 13, and 4 cleared.

Cargo entered for Hongkong for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, totalled 5,692 tons, against 19,232 tons for the previous twenty-four hours; while freight entered for ports beyond came to 13,082 tons, compared with the previous entry of 24,017 tons. The combined cargo entered came to 19,334 tons, against 43,254 tons the previous day. Of the cargo for Hongkong, 4,766 tons were brought by British vessels. The total number of deck passengers entered for the same period was 2,141, of which the s.s. *Talamba* (British) from Osaka and Amoy, carried 1,694.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were: as under—*Kwai Sang* (British) from Bangkok and Sandakan with 3,800 tons of coal and 450 tons of general cargo and timber and mail; the s.s. *Chenau* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 400 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Soochow* (British) from Tsingtau and Shanghai with 400 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Talamba* (British) from Osaka and Kobe with 1,046 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Eva* (German) from Archangel and Singapore with ballast only; the s.s. *Thalatta* (Norwegian) from Oslo and Singapore with 290 tons of general cargo; the s.s. *Jade* (French) from Port Bayard with 170 tons of general cargo; the s.s. *Atsuta Maru* (Japanese) from London and Singapore with 330 tons of general cargo and 112 bags of mail and the s.s. *Tai Sze Ma* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 60 tons of general cargo.

Arriving later yesterday was the s.s. *Hagan Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 787 tons of general merchandise and mail.

SHIPPING NOTES.

An entry in the shipping reports yesterday, made by the master of the s.s. *Kwai Sang*, a British vessel, which arrived from Bangkok and Sandakan, read: "One corpse in coffin—cargo from Sandakan."

The s.s. *Eva* (German) which arrived late on Tuesday from Singapore, took the unusually long period of eleven days to reach Hongkong from that port. Leaving there on December 4th she did not arrive here until December 15th. There was nothing in the harbour office report, made by the master of the vessel, to indicate the cause of the delay in reaching Hongkong, but as the vessel is one of only 850 tons registry and had to face a strong N.E. monsoon on the way here from Singapore, this probably explains the time taken in making the passage.

A notice issued by the Maritime Customs at Shanghai indicates that the *Shaoching* Wreck Mark Buoy, marking the position of the *Shaoching* wreck, which lies clear of the fairway in the South Channel Entrance to the Yangtze River, has been withdrawn.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 9	May 16
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 30
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 6	June 13
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DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Patroclus*, for London via Singapore and Marseilles, on December 16th:—Sir Edward and Lady Pearce, Mr. B. B. Noorhead, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mr. Butler, Mr. W. J. Shanahan, Mr. and Mrs. Theodor, Miss Turnbull, Miss F. Fairchild, Miss P. C. Inglis, Miss N. Fairchild, Mr. P. C. Inglis, Capt. Whitelaw, Sir P. Phillips, Mr. I. Keyn, Mr. and Mrs. Keigwin, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Olme, Rev. E. K. Quick, Mr. P. Morrison, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, Mrs. Webster, Miss G. M. Blake, Mrs. S. Ellis, Miss Ellis, Mr. M. Lyberty, Mr. J. Barr, Mr. H. G. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Stillson, Master Wm. W. Stillson, Master R. H. Stillson.

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